Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 03 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 04 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 03 Feb 2022 at 03:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for often windy conditions next few days over the tops making walking difficult. Also high confidence for change to much colder weather later Thursday and on Friday then less cold weather returning on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 03 Feb 2022: Mostly cloudy with patchy rain, mostly in west. Rain becoming heavy later in afternoon, turning to snow above 600m before clearing during evening. Snow showers following. Very windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 03 Feb 2022

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
30%	20%	40%	60%	60%	40%

Forecast for Thursday 03 Feb 2022

Weather: Cloudy with occasional rain overnight, becoming light, patchy on Thursday morning and early afternoon, mostly confined to hills near to West Coast. Bright spells developing in east of area. A band of heavy rain will cross all ranges during the late afternoon and early evening, turning to snow above about 600m, before clearing away mid-evening. Scattered snow showers following.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best in east of area late morning/early afternoon, then little chance, however chances improving late evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor visibility in rain, mainly west of area with extensive cloud cover about 600m. Otherwise good visibility beneath the cloud during morning and early afternoon with clouds in east lifting above some of the tops. Visibility becoming very poor for a time during the afternoon with clouds coming well down the hills, lifting and breaking again during evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	42/50 SW	49/59 SW	54/68 SW	54/69 SW	36/46 W	37/47 W	39/50 W
900	41/48 SW	47/57 SW	51/65 SW	51/66 SW	34/44 W	35/45 W	37/48 W
600	29/37 SW	33/44 SW	36/50 SW	37/51 SW	24/34 W	24/35 W	26/37 W
300	9/37 SW	10/42 SW	13/48 SW	13/50 SW	9/34 W	10/35 W	11/36 W
Glen	15/31 SW	17/34 SW	22/44 SW	23/45 SW	17/31 W	15/29 W	16/31 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-6	2/-7	2/-7	2/-7	-3/-13	-5/-16	-5/-16
900	3/-5	2/-6	3/-6	2/-6	-2/-12	-4/-14	-5/-15
600	5/-1	5/-2	5/-2	4/-2	-0/-7	-2/-10	-2/-10
300	7/4	7/4	7/4	6/3	2/-2	0/-4	0/-5
Glen	9/6	9/6	9/6	8/4	5/0	3/-2	3/-2
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1400m	1200m	500m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note extremely hazardous conditions developing late afternoon. Combination of severe gales, falling temperatures with heavy rain turning to snow and fog well down the hills.

Forecast for Friday 04 Feb 2022

Weather: Bright, cold, windy day with sunshine and snow showers. The showers will be heavy at times with temporary blizzard conditions.

Maximum wind: Gale force west or northwest winds, average speeds on the tops of 30 to 40mph and gusts 60mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best in east of area.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good away from showers with occasional cloud cover about 700m. Marked reductions to very poor visibility as snow showers pass by, clouds lowering briefly to 500m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to Plus 5 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 200M

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